

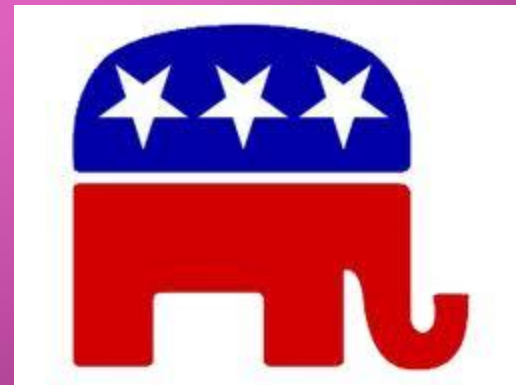


POLITICAL PARTIES

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REPUBLICAN PARTY

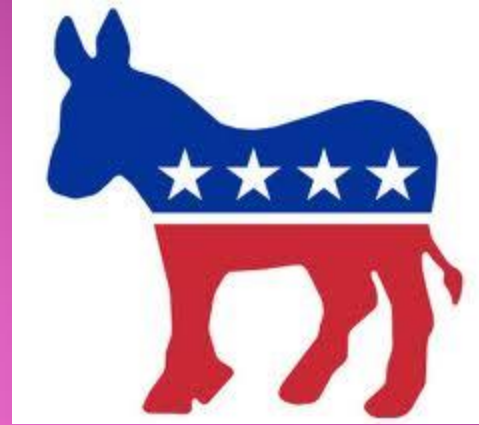
- ◉ Was founded in northern states by anti-slavery expansion activists in 1854
- ◉ It is often called the GOP (Grand Old Party)
- ◉ First came into power in 1860 with the election of Abraham Lincoln to the Presidency and Republicans in control of Congress and the northern states





- ◎ It oversaw the saving of the union, the destruction of slavery, and the provision of equal rights to all men in the American Civil War and Reconstruction, 1861-1877
- ◎ As of 2004, the Republican party has the second most registered voters with 55 million, and roughly 1/3 of the electorate

DEMOCRAT PARTY



- ◉ Evolved from Anti-Federalist factions that opposed the fiscal policies of Alexander Hamilton in the early 1790s
- ◉ Thomas Jefferson and James Madison organized these factions into the Democratic-Republican Party
- ◉ The Democratic-Republican Party ascended to power in the election of 1800

FIRST REPUBLICAN PRESIDENT

- ◎ Abraham Lincoln (February 12, 1809 - April 15, 1865)
- ◎ Served as the 16th President of the United States from March 1861 until his assassination in April 1865



- ◉ Successfully led the country through its greatest constitutional, military, and moral crisis—the American Civil War
- ◉ He became a country lawyer, an Illinois state legislator, and a one-term member of the United States House of Representatives, but failed in two attempts at a seat in the United States Senate



FIRST DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENT

- ◎ Andrew Jackson (March 15, 1767 - June 8, 1845)
- ◎ 7th President of the United States (1829-1837)



- ◎ He was the military governor of pre-admission Florida (1821) and the commander of the American forces at the Battle of New Orleans (1815) and is an eponym of the era of “Jacksonian democracy”
- ◎ His political ambition and widening political participation shaped the modern Democratic Party